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Dr. Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

Please withdraw approval of the use of antibiotics for growth promotion in animals. Such use is gravely compromising their medical use through the selection of antibiotic resistant or tolerant strains that are pathogenic or transmit their resistance genes to human pathogens. The World Health Organization recommends such a ban. Recently, the Center for Science in Public Interest and UCS cosigned petition requesting withdrawal of approval of the use of antibiotics for animal growth promotion. I support this petition and and WHO's recommendation.

Sincerely,


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